

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claim 1 (Currently Amended): An information processing apparatus managing a first service of distributing contents of a first terminal in real time according to a reservation made in advance by the first terminal, and, to [[a]] second and third terminal terminals requesting the use of the first service and the use of a second service of providing a chat space, comprising:

an acquiring unit configured to acquire reservation information, sent by the first terminal, to the information processing apparatus from a reservation data base in order to provide the first service to the second and third terminal terminals, the second and third terminal terminals receiving a distribution notice in accordance with a second terminal address and a third terminal address of the reservation from the information processing apparatus, the distribution notice, including shared authentication data;

a generation unit configured to generate the chat space corresponding to the reservation at a predetermined time prior to a distribution start time designated by the reservation; and,

an authenticating unit to authenticate the second and third terminal terminals by the use of shared authentication data;

a providing unit configured to provide the chat space to the first terminal, and the chat space and first service to the second and third terminal terminals designated to be distributed by the first terminal, the chat space and first service being provided to the second and third terminal terminals upon authentication.

Claim 2 (Currently Amended): An information processing apparatus according to Claim 1,

wherein the first service is a service for distributing contents sent according to a reservation made in advance, to the second and third terminal terminals in real time, and ~~the second service is a service for providing a chat space corresponding to the reservation for the second terminal.~~

Claim 3 (Currently Amended): An information processing apparatus according to Claim 1,

wherein the first service is a service for providing the second and third terminal terminals with a chat space corresponding to a reservation made in advance for distributing contents in real time, and

~~the second service is a service for distributing the contents to the second terminal in real time.~~

Claim 4 (Currently Amended): An information processing method for an information processing apparatus managing a first service of distributing contents of a first terminal in real time according to a reservation made in advance by the first terminal, and, to [[a]] second and third terminal terminals requesting the use of the first service and the use of a second service of providing a chat space, comprising:

acquiring reservation information, sent by the first terminal, to the information processing apparatus from a reservation data base in order to provide the first service to the

second and third terminal terminals, the second and third terminal terminals receiving a distribution notice in accordance with a second terminal address and a third terminal address of the reservation from the information processing apparatus, the distribution notice including [[the]] shared authentication data;

generating the chat space corresponding to the reservation at a predetermined time prior to a distribution start time designated by the reservation; [and,]]

authenticating the terminal by the use of authentication data used by the server; and providing the chat space to the first terminal, and the chat space and first service to the second and third terminal terminals designated to be distributed by the first terminal, the chat space and first service being provided to the second and third terminal terminals upon authentication.

Claim 5 (Currently Amended): A recording medium storing a computer-readable program for an information processing apparatus managing a first service of distributing contents of a first terminal in real time according to a reservation made in advance by the first terminal, and, to a second and third terminal terminals requesting the use of the first service and the use of a second service of providing a chat space, comprising:

acquiring reservation information, sent by the first terminal, to the information processing apparatus from a reservation data base in order to provide the first service to the second and third terminal terminals, the second and third terminal terminals receiving a distribution notice in accordance with a second terminal address and a third terminal address of the reservation from the information processing apparatus, the distribution notice including [[the]] shared authentication data;

generating the chat space corresponding to the reservation at a predetermined time prior to a distribution start time designated by the reservation; and,

authenticating the terminal by the use of authentication data used by the server;

providing the chat space to the first terminal, and the chat space and first service to the second and third terminal terminals designated to be distributed by the first terminal, the chat space and first service being provided to the second and third terminal terminals upon authentication.

Claim 6 (Currently Amended): A computer readable carrier including computer program instructions to cause a computer to implement a method of managing a first service of distributing contents of a first terminal in real time according to a reservation made in advance by the first terminal, and, to a second and third terminal terminals requesting the use of the first service and the use of a second service of providing a chat space, comprising:

acquiring reservation information, sent by the first terminal, to the information processing apparatus from a reservation data base in order to provide the first service to the second and third terminal terminals, the second and third terminal terminals receiving a distribution notice in accordance with a second terminal address and a third terminal address of the reservation from the information processing apparatus, the distribution notice including [[the]] shared authentication data;

generating the chat space corresponding to the reservation at a predetermined time prior to a distribution start time designated by the reservation; and,

authenticating the terminal by the use of authentication data used by the server;

providing the chat space to the first terminal, and the chat space and first service to the second and third terminal terminals designated to be distributed by the first terminal, the

chat space and first service being provided to the second and third terminal terminals upon authentication.